

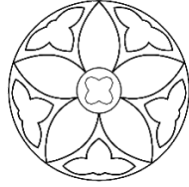
SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, June 11, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Morning Worship

*You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

We welcome each of you to this service! No matter who you are or where you are from, you are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

Prelude

Reflection on “Let Us Plead for Faith Alone”

David Blackwell

*The Call to Worship

One: Great beyond all question is the mystery of our religion;
Christ was manifested in the body,
vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels.

**All: Christ was proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
glorified in heaven.**

Praise and Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 368 v. | My Hope Is Built

*Prayer of Confession & Pardon

All: God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring. Forgive us for the times we seek our healing from other means and fail to come to you.

One: Hear the good news: The God of healing and wholeness, in this precious moment has granted us faith and confidence that here our broken lives are made whole. Receive the healing of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

We offer each other signs of peace.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (God), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

Invitation to the Offertory & Offertory Prayer

Anthem

I Surrender All

Joseph Martin

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. I surrender all to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all. All to Jesus I surrender, make me Savior wholly thine; Holy Spirit, you truly know that thou art mine. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; O fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessings fall on me.

*Doxology

UMH No. 95 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:9-13

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Message for the Younger Church

All children are invited to come up to the chancel area.

*Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 385 | Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 3:21-28

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Justified by Faith

Response to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* universal

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 261 | Lord of the Dance

*Benediction

Postlude

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, Retired Elder, North Georgia Annual Conference

Liturgists: Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Tabitha Jamal, Candler School of Theology Summer Intern
Michelle Levan, Lay Member
Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation
Greg Washington, Lay Member
Meagan Williams, Assistant to the Minister of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist

Audio Visual: Johnny Sims, Coordinator of Online Ministry, Jay Drew, Eric Steverson, and Julie Tootle

Ushers: Joseph Hackett, Mark Jefferson, Russell McKinney, and Buddy Wofford, Head Usher

Greeters: Andy and Pam Davis

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We Welcome You

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!



Attendance

Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use the Secure Giving App, or Saint Mark's assigned number for text donations is 844-703-1444 and the keyword is 'operating'. To give via text, text the word 'operating', a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text 844-703-1444 operating 25. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

We Invite You

Want to stay updated on the Saint Mark Community?

Visit www.stmarkumc.org and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.

Announcements & Special Events

Church Council Meeting

Today at 12:30 PM | Room 111

Pride 2023 Online Auction NOW OPEN!

The Saint Mark Pride Committee like to take this opportunity to announce that the Saint Mark Online Auction is NOW OPEN. The auction will end at 9:00 PM EST on **Saturday, June 24, 2023**.

Our online auction is raising money to support our LGBTQ+ Pride events at Saint Mark. All auction proceeds will go directly to support our LGBTQ+ Pride programs.

Saint Mark United Methodist Church of Atlanta | Online Auction Site
<https://smumc.travelpledgeauctions.com/event/1778>

Saint Mark Welcome Statement

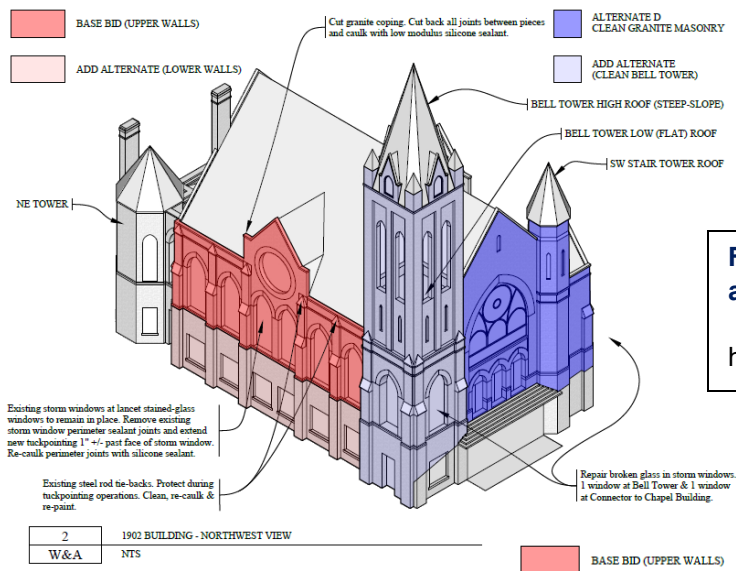
As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Facilities June 2023 Update

Last week, we shared that we will begin our largest scope of work under our Endurability efforts as we start repairs on our North Wall (which parallels 5th Street). In this video, Lily Berrios explains more about the work and why we are focused on the exterior first. You'll also meet John Hannula, who will lead this project for Saint Mark!

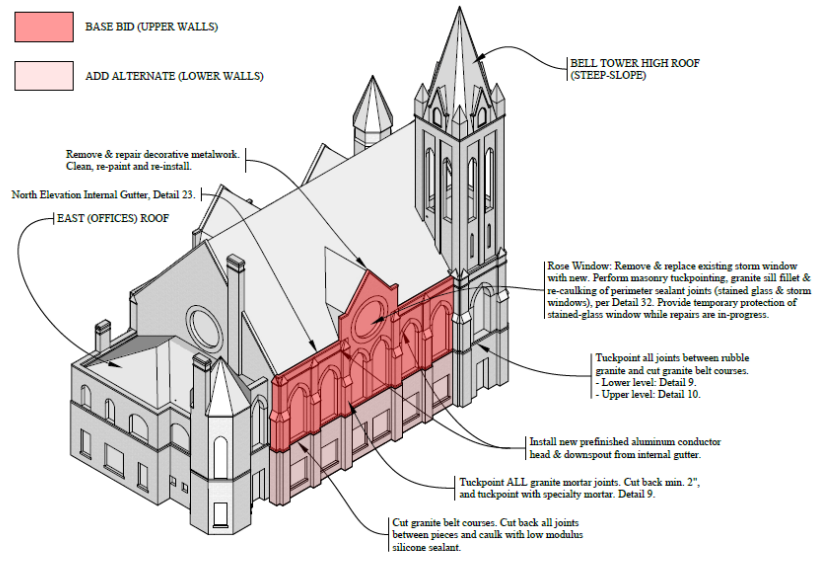
<https://youtu.be/W9YOhyq7D5o>

For those of you who like details, take a look at the 3D drawings which will explain the intricate details of what it takes to stop our water intrusion.



For more information and to download these drawings, go to:
<https://www.stmarkumc.org/facilities-updates>

2 1902 BUILDING - NORTHWEST VIEW
W&A NTS



3 1902 BUILDING - NORTHEAST VIEW
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Juneteenth is an American holiday commemorating June 19, 1865, the day the last enslaved African Americans held in Confederate states were freed.

Although President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, its immediate impact was relatively small because Confederate slave owners weren't forced to obey Union authority. Thus, millions of African Americans continued to live as enslaved people until Union armies made their way across the South to enforce Lincoln's order.

Approximately two-and-a-half years later on June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, took possession of the state, and read General Order #3, announcing that all enslaved African Americans in the state of Texas were free. Six months later, the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment made slavery illegal throughout the entire United States.

According to some historians, the formerly enslaved crowd in Galveston selected a young girl to announce a freedom celebration. People in the crowd thought her words "We Free, June 19th, We Free!" sounded like she was saying "We Free, Juneteenth," and with the crowd repeating "We Free, Juneteenth, We Free!," "Juneteenth" became the official title of the celebration.

This holiday was first celebrated in Texas with political rallies that featured voting rights and voter education, music, pageants, parades, and outdoor games. During early celebrations, formerly enslaved people discarded their old clothing and replaced it with newer styles, in remembrance of laws prohibiting African Americans from wearing finer clothing that challenged the status of their oppressors. Dressing well on the holiday is a custom still practiced today. Other traditions have included dramatic readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, renditions of the African American national anthem "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and interpretations of the writings of African Americans. The heart of the Juneteenth celebration today is the reading of General Order #3 by a community elder.

Renewed interest in Juneteenth rose when Rev. Ralph Abernathy aligned the celebration with the Poor People's Campaign of 1968. The Campaign's Solidarity Day took place on Juneteenth. Many civil rights workers in Washington, D.C. that day-initiated Juneteenth celebrations in their own communities.

Over the past four decades, in the commemoration of Juneteenth has continued to grow. On February 16, 2011, Georgia became the thirty-seventh state to recognize Juneteenth with the passage of S.R. 164. Juneteenth finally became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021 nearly 160 years after the first celebration in Galveston, Texas.

We at Saint Mark join our African American siblings in celebration of the upcoming Juneteenth holiday in recognition of the release of their ancestors from the bonds of slavery and of the ongoing battle for equality in the United States.

What can you do to celebrate Juneteenth?

1. Join the Juneteenth Atlanta Parade & Music Festival in Centennial Olympic Park.
June 16-18, 2023
 - FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1:00pm — 10:00pm
 - SATURDAY, June 17, 10:00 am — 11:00pm
 - SUNDAY, June 18, 10:00 am — 8:00pm
2. Join the Juneteenth Atlanta Black History Parade/March/Rally:
Saturday, June 17, 2023 starting at 12 PM.
3. Join Noey and Sheri Barrera-Disler at the Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom Concert in East Point: Saturday, June 17 5 PM to 9 PM. Free tickets required.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-point-welcomes-atl-naacp-free-juneteenth-concert-2023-tickets-621245350567>
4. Invite your friends to join you at these celebrations.
5. Tell the story of Juneteenth to your children.
6. Talk with an African American friend about what Juneteenth means to him/her/them.
7. Remind your friends to recognize this holiday. If they don't know about it, tell them.
8. Learn more about Juneteenth at:
<http://www.juneteenthatl.com/about.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mH0zi-hLVU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJKzdksoDNY>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FW3bqPeyet0>